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15 are indicted in timber firm scam

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Officials of two Washington companies and a Weyerhaeuser employee were charged yesterday in a scheme to defraud the lumber company by shortchanging fuel shipments, falsifying documents and delivering inferior quality oil.

Fourteen officers and employees of Arrcom, Inc. of Woodland and Golden Penn Oil Co. of Seattle, and John Arnold, a Weyerhaeuser employee, were indicted by a grand jury on 33 charges of fraud, bribery, mail fraud, obstructing justice, and lying under oath about the alleged offenses.

Officials of Arrcom and Golden Penn, which buy and resell waste petroleum products, and Weyerhaeuser could not be reached last night for comment.

Between 1978 and 1981, the companies serviced Weyerhaeuser's pulp division in Longview which operates a powerhouse that uses reclaimed fuel oil and bunker "C" oil, according to the indictment.

Bribes alleged

Arnold's duties included supervising oil deliveries to the Weyerhaeuser plant, conducting oil quality checks, and verifying the amount of fuel delivered by checking the meters and collecting weight tickets from the delivery truck drivers.

George Wellington Drexler, Arrcom president, and Terry Joseph Drexler, Golden Penn president, are accused of paying Arnold \$500 a week in bribe money to allow company employees to deliver oil to the tank farm of an inferior quality and lesser

quantity than shown on the false invoices submitted to Weyerhaeuser for payment.

Arnold agreed to approve false invoices for the purchase of oil which was never delivered, according to the charges.

On orders from the Arrcom president, Robert Morris Leslie Rogers allegedly installed an altered meter on the intake valve at the Weyerhaeuser facility so it would register gallons of oil when air was being pumped through.

John Burg, Robert Schueller, John Robert Willard, George Boisvert, James Michael Taylor and Arthur Reid Withrow Jr., drivers for Arrcom

and Golden Penn, were also charged in the scheme.

Michael Earl Duffy, an Arrcom employee, is accused of placing higher-quality oil in the filter portion of the oil delivery trucks so Arnold would get a "good" sample which didn't reflect the lesser quality oil in the tank.

Robert Norman Johns, George Burton Sidels, Sr., and Roslyn Elaine Wieneke, office managers or bookkeepers for the fuel companies, are accused of altering books to conceal the bribe payments and delivering bribe money to Arnold.

Thomas Drexler is charged with making an \$800 payment to Arnold for assisting in the scheme.

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